



# ***THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN SCHNEIDER-EMANUEL SCHOLARSHIP***

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1**

**INTRODUCTION** – The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship goes to three (3) deserving graduates of any accredited Wisconsin high school the sum of **\$1000.00** to be applied to the cost of continuing education at any degree granting college or university within the United States of America. It is the intent that this award shall enable a student to secure a baccalaureate degree. The first scholarships were awarded in 1968.

**FOR 2021 and 2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ONLY:** Due to COVID19, and many of The American Legion Programs being canceled in 2020 and 2021, the requirement of attending a Legion program to be eligible for this scholarship is suspended. The applicant must meet the other eligibility requirements.

## **ELIGIBILITY-AVAILABLE TO WISCONSIN STUDENTS ONLY**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY** – The scholarship application will not be considered if the applicant does not meet the ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

**THE APPLICANT MUST BE EITHER –**

- **A VETERAN AND A CURRENT MEMBER** of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at the time of application. (Self)
- **A SON/DAUGHTER** whose Father, Mother, or Legal Guardian is living and a current member of **The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of The American Legion** at the time of application..
- **A GRANDSON/GRANDDAUGHTER** whose Grandfather, Grandmother, or Legal Guardian is living and a current member of **The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of The American Legion** at the time of application.
- **APPLICANT** is a current member, in good standing, in **The Sons of The American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary/Junior Auxiliary** at the time of application.

*Three (3) Scholarship awards will be made to the applicants who meet the above eligibility requirements and have participated in one or more of the following American Legion sponsored activities:*

- Attendance at a complete session of Badger Boys State
- Attendance at a complete session of Badger Girls State
- Participation in the County Youth Government Day Program
- Competed in The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest (Post, County, District or State level)
- Took The American Legion Americanism and Government Scholarship Test
- Participated in an American Legion sponsored Band and/or Drum and Bugle Corps
- Played for an American Legion Baseball Team
- Member of an American Legion sponsored Scout Troop

- Participated in an American Legion sponsored Junior Shooting Sports program
- Attended the Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (WALLECA)

APPLICANT must be awarded a high school diploma or its equivalent and must have maintained an academic average of “B” or better for a period of seven (7) high school semesters, based upon the standard of the institution granting the diploma. The academic average is based on the seven (7) semesters prior to the second semester of the Senior year.

**APPLICANT MUST:**

- Meet the specific entrance requirements of the chosen college/university.
- Complete and submit the application with the following supporting documents:
  - a. transcript of grades,
  - b. (4) rating sheets
  - c. ACT score.
- Documents must be sent by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Be willing to sign, along with parent or guardian, the “Agreement” portion of the application.

**NOTE:** No application is considered complete unless all questions are fully answered and transcripts and rating sheets are mailed bypassing the applicant to:

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin  
 Attn. Programs Coordinator  
 P.O. Box 388  
 Portage, WI 53901-0388

If an applicant is in college he/she must have a transcript of eight (8) semesters of high school and the last complete semester of college transcript.

Previous award winners are not eligible for consideration for a second scholarship.

The following factors shall be considered by the judges in deciding the relative merit of applicant and in arriving at final selection.

1. Moral Character – Commitment to the American way of life and its institutions, and applicant’s seriousness of purpose.
2. Academic excellence of the applicant.
3. Participation and accomplishment in American Legion affiliated activities.
4. Personality, leadership and participation in general extra-curricular activities.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

There shall be a two (2) week grace period between March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> whereas no new application blanks will be accepted but where the applicant will be notified that certain materials are missing, not directly the applicant’s fault.

A Department committee consisting of a panel of five (5) judges, shall meet to select the finalists and announce the same to the Department Commander and Department Adjutant by the time of the

Wisconsin American Legion Annual Spring Meeting in May, at which time the high school principal will be notified. Public announcement of winning candidates shall be left to the high school principal, but will be made no later than the commencement exercises of the winning graduate. Hopefully, an appropriate presentation will be arranged by the local high school utilizing an American Legion official in the presentation. The July issue of The Badger Legionnaire shall carry names of scholarship winners.

Simultaneously the judges shall pick three (3) alternates: First Alternate, Second Alternate and Third Alternate, who shall, in that order, be awarded a scholarship should either of the original winners default. Should experience indicate that picking winners is a task too cumbersome for non-remunerated judges; the Department Commander may appoint a competent screening committee who shall, in preliminary judgment, narrow the field to twenty-five (25) applicants.

## JUDGES

**JUDGING TEAM** shall be comprised as follows: (This is the Scholarship Committee)

1. 2 Qualified Professional Educators.
2. Chairman of the Education and Scholarship Committee.
3. Past Department Commander who is immediate past DEC member or his delegate.  
Department Commander or his delegate.

Judges shall be selected, annually, by the State Adjutant in concert with the Department Commander and the Education and Scholarship Chairman. Their selection shall be ratified by the Department Executive Committee at the Fall Conference previous to serving as judges.

In all cases, judges reserve the right to check the accuracy and authenticity of any information submitted by an applicant including eligibility of scholarship itself; membership card numbers of self, mother, father, grandparent, or guardian; military or school record; marital status, especially "legally separated" of applicant and /or family.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

**FINANCIAL** – The financial aspects of the Wisconsin American Legion Scholarship Program shall be administered as follows:

- The Department Adjutant shall negotiate a voucher upon official notification by the college or university that the applicant has completed enrollment and has been accepted.
- Payment of total sum of scholarship shall be made to the REGISTRAR or other proper registration official at the accepting college or university, and applied toward tuition, fees, and other educational expenses.
- Should a scholarship recipient, at any time during the school year, fail to remain in school, all monies shall immediately be surrendered and/or recovered or transferred to the next eligible alternate.
- In the event the student discontinues scholastic pursuit, he/she automatically forfeits all further scholarship privileges.

- If the scholarship is not used after two (2) years, it reverts back to the scholarship fund. As is the case in all American Legion matters, these rules are subject to revision at any official meeting of the Department Executive Committee.

# **APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION SCHNEIDER-EMANUEL SCHOLARSHIP**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First* *Middle Initial*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month/Day/Year*

Applicant email address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family \_\_\_\_\_ Number in college (include yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

Your rank in family (don't include parents) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City* *State* *Zip Code*

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**Living relative through whom you qualify for this scholarship. Check the box(es) that apply**

LEGIONNAIRE

- Self
- Father
- Mother
- Grandfather
- Grandmother

AUXILIARY

- Self
- Mother
- Grandmother

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

- Self
- Father
- Grandfather

Relative's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First* *Middle Initial*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Legionnaire Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ Post City \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit City \_\_\_\_\_

Sons of The American Legion Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron City \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my \_\_\_\_\_ served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

**Provide a brief statement of their service** \_\_\_\_\_

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## PARTICIPATION IN LEGION ACTIVITIES

**You must have participated in one or more of the following American Legion sponsored activities. Complete all that apply to you.**

I attended a complete session of Badger Boys State  
Year Attended \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

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Year Attended \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

I competed in The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program  
High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Year(s) Participated \_\_\_\_\_ Represented Post/County/District No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of My Oration \_\_\_\_\_

I took the Americanism and Government Scholarship Test  
Year(s) Participated \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

I participated in the County Youth Government Day Program  
Date of Participation \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

I have participated in an American Legion sponsored band and/or Drum and Bugle Corps  
Dates \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(from) (to)

I have played on an American Legion Baseball team  
Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(from) (to)

- I have belonged to an American Legion sponsored Boy Scout troop  
Troop Number \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
*(from)* *(to)*  
Name and Number of American Legion Post \_\_\_\_\_
- I have participated in an American Legion Sponsored Junior Shooting Sports Program.  
Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
*(from)* *(to)*
- I attended a complete session of Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (WALLECA)  
Year Attended \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION BACKGROUND

**Schools Attended (If you attended all four years at the same school, enter only grade 12)**

Grade	School Name	City	Year Attended
12			
11			
10			
9			

Date of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Number in graduating class \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in class \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTENDANCE

Were you absent more than ten (10) times per year during the past two years?  YES  NO

If you answered yes, explain illness or cause \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name of College \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you been accepted?  YES  NO (If no, when do you expect acceptance?) \_\_\_\_\_  
If already attending college, name of college \_\_\_\_\_  
What year are you in college?  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  
What course of study do you plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT** – Please state below your education objectives and career goals, and the value and contribution The American Legion Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship would make toward the realization of that goal. \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**Put an X in all boxes that apply**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>10th Grade</b>	<b>11th Grade</b>	<b>12th Grade</b>
Art Club				
Band				
Captain's Academy				
Cheerleader				
Chorus or Choir				
Destination Imagination				
Forensics				
FFA/Leadership Development				
FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)				
French Club				
German Club				
Key Club				
National Honor Society				
Newspaper Staff				
Scrabble Club				
Skills USA				
Spanish Club				
Student Aide				
Student Council				
Student Tutors				
Video Club				
Yearbook Staff				
Enter Sports Activity:				
Enter Sports Activity:				
Enter Sports Activity:				
Enter Sports Activity:				
Other Activity Not Listed:				

**List special honors, recognitions, or awards which you have received in connection with above activities.** \_\_\_\_\_

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List below any activities, honors, or recognition which you have received in connection with organizations other than school sponsored. (Church, Youth Groups, 4-H, Scouts)

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**APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT**

I hereby state that I have read and understand the rules established by The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship Committee, and that:

- My qualifications meet the basic requirements for the scholarship and for college entrance.
- Arrangements have been made to complete this application by forwarding transcript(s), class rank, ACT score, and four rating sheets on provided forms.
- I intend to abide by all provisions set forth in the rules – and agree to accept as final the decisions agreed upon by The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent or Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**CHECKLIST**

In addition to this completed form, be sure:

- Your school sends a certified transcript
- Rank in Class
- ACT Score
- Cumulative, or Grades 9 through Grade 11, Grade Point Averages.
- Twelfth (12) Grade First Semester Grade Report
- Four (4) rating sheets should be submitted from four (4) individuals (no family relation) such as:
  - High School Principal, Counselor, Teacher
  - Clergy
  - Two Character References (Personal or Job Related)

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# THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN SCHNEIDER-EMANUEL SCHOLARSHIP RATING SHEET



Name of applicant you are rating \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last*
*First*
*Middle Initial*

## INSTRUCTIONS

Rating sheets should be mailed directly to The American Legion, bypassing the applicant. Rate the student on each of the listed traits using a scale of 1-10 with 10 being outstanding. Please use the following guidelines:

9-10	Outstanding	5-6	Average	0-2	Weak
7-8	Very Good	3-4	Below Average		

The judges will select winners from the applicants who qualify according to criteria stated in the rules. Judges will also evaluate the applicant on merit, promise and achievement.

## RATING

- ACADEMIC** (enter number 1-10)
 **Scholastic achievement during Senior year and rating in class, application of studies and class participation.**
- LEADERSHIP** (enter number 1-10)
 **The capacity to assume responsibility, to organize work and execute a project with others.**
- CHARACTER** (enter number 1-10)
 **High standards of conduct, good reputation, adherence to truth and conscience, devotion to church and daily duties.**
- AMERICANISM** (enter number 1-10)
 **The ideals, love of country, ability to accept a citizen's responsibilities.**

**You may add comments here or attach a letter of recommendation.**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Person Completing Rating Sheet*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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*Your Relationship to Applicant – Principal, Faculty, Clergy or Representative Citizen*

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